

Summary

Act 500 of 2001 requires that facilities that advertise or otherwise hold themselves out as having special units or services for the care of residents with Alzheimer's or related dementia must adhere to standards promulgated by the Office of Long Term Care. These rules create those standards, which range from the physical structure of the unit to the types of services to be provided to the staff to be employed. The rules attempt to create standards that allow the public to be sure that facilities that advertise or otherwise hold themselves out as providing special services to residents with Alzheimer's or related dementia meet certain minimum standards of care.

The rule also ensures that when the public seeks placement in a facility that advertises or otherwise holds itself out as offering specialized services to those that suffer from Alzheimer's or related dementia, the facility meets certain minimum standards of care that are specific to dementia residents. As Alzheimer's and related dementia require services for social, medical, and physical structure that are significantly different from the services normally offered for residents of long term care facilities, standards are required to ensure that facilities meet the needs of these residents.